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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Storm et al.

Application No.: 09/689,483

Filed: October 12, 2000

For: NOVEL METHOD OF TREATMENT

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) Group Art Unit: 1615
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) Examiner: Rachel M. Bennett
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Sir:

PETITION FOR DEFERRAL OF ISSUANCE OF PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.314

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.314, and having paid the issue fee on November 26, 2003, Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner to grant a deferral in the assignment of a patent number and issue date to the referenced allowed United States patent application. Please charge the required fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

Applicants request a deferred issuance of a prospective United States patent for the causes set forth below, which Applicants believe constitute good and sufficient reasons for the action sought.

On March 11, 2003, Applicants filed a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") with a single Form PTO 1449, along with the relevant

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references cited thereon. The Office has acknowledged receipt of the IDS and the Form PTO 1449, as indicated by its date stamp on the receipt postcard that accompanied the IDS and Form PTO 1449. Applicants did not receive a signed copy of the accompanying Form PTO 1449. After receiving the Notice of Allowance, Applicants' representative contacted the Examiner on October 8, 2003, to discuss the best procedure in which to get the Form PTO 1449 before the Examiner and, based on that discussion, sought to inspect the file and obtain a copy of the Form PTO 1449 which would then be placed in front of the Examiner. Applicants' representative has been checking with the records of the Office, and the application has continued to be unavailable for inspection, up until payment of the issue fee on November 26, 2003.

Applicants believe that it is very important that the face of the ensuing patent accurately reflect all documents that were considered during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application, and the undersigned is concerned that the Patent Office will in the near future assign to this application a patent number and issue date without consideration of these papers. Thus, Applicants hereby respectfully request a delay in the assignment of a patent number and an issue date to this application until the Office has acknowledged its consideration of the documents set forth in the IDS filed on March 11, 2003.

To facilitate this process, Applicants also enclose copies of the IDS and Form PTO 1449 that had been originally hand-delivered to the Office March 11, 2003, as well as the date-stamped postcard indicating receipt on March 11, 2003.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Petition and charge
any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

Respectfully submitted,

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The following paper is filed herewith:

1. Petition for Deferral of Issuance of Patent Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.314 (3 pages)
2. Copies of Supplemental IDS and Form 1449 hand-delivered on March 11, 2003 (4 pages), and stamped postcard indicating receipt.

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